(3) The performance of the WLL system has been kept under close observation.

Telephone exchanges/Post Offices in Assam

4991. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of telephone exchanges and post offices in Assam, district-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of these offices are inadequate;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) Revenue District-wise number of telephone exchanges and post offices in Assam are given in the enclosed Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below);

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Statement-I

Revenue District-wise number of Telephone Exchanges in Assam as on 31-03-2003

Sl. No.	Revenue District	No. of Telephone Exchanges as on 31-03-2003
1.	Barpeta	18
2.	Bongaigaon	11
3.	Cachar	51
4.	Darrang	23
5.	Dhemaji	08
6.	Dhubri	21
7.	Dibrugarh	34
8.	Goalpara	11
9.	Golaghat	35
10.	Hailakandi	14

Sl. No.	Revenue District	No. of Telephone Exchanges as on 31-03-2003
11.	Jorhat	29
12.	Karbi Anglong	19
13.	Kamrup	50
14.	Karimganj	23
15.	Kokrajhar	11
16.	Lakhimpur	16
17.	Morigaon	14
18.	North Cachar Hills	07
19.	Nagaon	61
20.	Nalbari	17
21.	Sibsagar	32
22.	Sonitpur	32
23.	Tinsukia	30
	TOTAL	567

Statement-II

District-wise Number of Post Offices in Assam

Name of District	Head Office		Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Branch Office		Total	
	U	R	U	R	U	R	U	R	U	R
Barpeta	1	0	8	15	0	0	0	168	9	183
Bongaigaon	0	0	5	10	0	1	1	102	6	113
Cachar	1	0	14	37	0	1	6	220	21	258
Darrang	1	0	9	15	0	0	0	145	10	160
Dhemaji	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	76	1	82
Dhubri	1	0	7	9	0	2	2	128	10	139
Dibrugarh	1	0	15	15	0	0	5	181	21	196
Goalpara	0	0	2	11	0	0	0	92	2	103
Golaghat	1	0	7	12	0	2	0	127	8	141
Hailakandi	1	0	5	7	0	1	3	91	9	99

Name of District	Head Office		Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Sub Office		Extra Deptl. Branch Office		Total	
Jorhat	1	0	13	22	0	2	0	181	14	205
Kamrup	2	0	48	30	0	2	5	215	55	247
Karimganj	1	0	9	21	0	3	4	111	14	135
Karbianglong	1	0	3	8	0	2	0	118	4	128
Kokrajhar	1	0	2	13	0	2	0	96	3	111
Lakhimpur	1	0	2	15	0	3	2	156	5	174
Morigaon	0	0	3	6	0	2	0	87	3	95
NC Hills	0	0	4	3	0	1	2	63	6	67
Nagaon	1	0	12	25	0	0	26	216	39	241
Nalbari	1	0	9	29	0	0	0	207	10	236
Sibsagar	1	0	17	16	0	3	0	224	18	243
Sonitpur	1	0	8	39	0	6	0	160	9	205
Tinsukia	1	0	17	19	0	1	3	99	21	119
TOTAL	19	0	220	382	0	35	59	3263	298	3680

GRAND TOTAL=3978

U = Urban R = Rural

Loss of Revenue by VSNL and Data Access

4992. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ILD operators like the VSNL and Data Access are losing substantial revenue due to illegal operators terminating long distance calls as local calls through leased lines and passing them as local calls to fixed line operators;

(b) whether this process involves foxing computers to make long distance (overseas calls) look like local calls; and

(c) the extent of losses as estimated by VSNL on this account and the corrective measures contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) 54 cases of illegal termination of long distance calls have been detected since 01-01-2002 causing revenue loss.